

Notice to Parents and Students Regarding Age of Majority Rights

Students become adults when they turn 18. The rights of parents and their students change at that point, unless a court finds that an adult student cannot manage his or her own affairs and appoints a guardian. If that occurs, then the adult student is again considered to be a minor and the guardian is able to make decisions on behalf of the adult student. Unless a court appointed a guardian, the school-related rights of the parents and their adult students are as follows:

Right of Adult Students:

- The residence of an adult student is where the student chooses to live.
- An adult student can approve his or her own educational placement and Individualized Educational Program (IEP) without help from parents, family, or special advocates.
- An adult student can allow parents, family, or special advocates to help if he/she desires.

Rights of Parents of Adult Students:

- If an adult student is still dependent upon parents for support, the parents may continue to see the student's school records without the student's permission.
- If a parent believes that an adult student is not capable of handling his or her own affairs in whole or in part, the parent may ask a court to appoint a guardian. A guardianship may apply to all aspects of the student's life or may be limited to certain things, such as educational programs or money management.

Responsibilities of the School:

- Unless a court has appointed a guardian for an adult student, the school must assume that the student is capable of managing his or her affairs.

We have read this statement and have discussed it with the school representative. The school representative has also answered any questions that we may have had and has informed us that we can get further clarification at any time by calling the school.

Student Signature: _____
(Signature acknowledges receipt of copy)

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____
(Signature acknowledges receipt of copy)

Date: _____

School Representative: _____

Date: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____